GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SPURIOUS MEDICINES BY MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain cases of multinational companies violating the guidelines issued by the Indian Council of Medical Research and the World Health Organisation, by marketing spurious medicines in the country have come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to check the sale of spurious medicines?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the table of the Lok Sabha.

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No such cases have come to the notice of the Government. The problem of spurious drugs is tackled primarily by the State Drugs Control Authorities who enforce the provision of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, by undertaking surveillance to curb such activity and launching prosecutions when such activity comes to light.

The Drug Controller of India has advised the State Drug Controllers to take following measures in this regard:

a) Constitution/reactivation of State Drug Advisory Committees.
b) Establishment of separate intelligence cum legal machinery with police assistance.
c) Engaging experienced counsel for fighting spurious drug cases.
d) Surveillance of suspected dealers.
e) Cooperation of Pharmaceutical Industry by regular interaction with them.
f) Collection of Survey sample under National Survey Quality Evaluation of Drug (NSQED) programme.